

Is Phoenix Metropolitan closed to OHVs?

- New laws have been adopted across the Phoenix metropolitan area in response to air quality concerns. Some cities now restrict the operation of motorized vehicles on many unpaved roads and vacant lots. Check with your local law enforcement or city office to find out if your recreational use is permissible.
- On days when a high pollution advisory FOR PARTICULATE MATTER has been issued by the Arizona Department for Environmental Quality (ADEQ), off-highway vehicle activities on unpaved surfaces will not be permitted in most incorporated areas of Maricopa County and some portions of other counties. ADEQ determines what days qualify as HPA days for PM-10. For more information and to sign up for text message alerts go online to www.azdeq.gov/sms.html.

Where to ride in Maricopa County, Arizona?

In Arizona, most **city, town, and county parks** do not offer off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation opportunities. The **state** has limited opportunities on Arizona State Trust Land (managed by the Arizona State Land Department) and there are no OHV Arizona State Parks. **Federal agencies**, including the **United States** Department of Interior, **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** and the **United States** Department of Agriculture, **Forest Service** provide the most OHV recreation opportunity in Arizona. Before you operate your OHV, contact the appropriate land manager to check on route closures, fire danger, local conditions, special permits/permission, OHV policy, and maps of route and area information.

Some places to ride in Maricopa County are listed as #19, 20, and 21 on the map at <http://azstateparks.com/OHV/wheretoride.html>. For additional opportunities in Maricopa County, call the appropriate landowner. If you do not know who the landowner is complete the following steps:

1. Visit ALRIS at <http://www.land.state.az.us/alris/>
2. Click on **“ASLD Parcel Viewer”**
3. Click on the “help” button to review the help topics. Close the help screen after you complete the “Basic Tutorial”
4. Look at the **“Layers”** on the right hand side of the screen. Click on the **square and round button on the “Land Ownership”** layer.
5. Use the + **magnifying glass** icon in the upper-left corner to zoom into the location of your choice. You must click on the map to zoom in.
6. Once you find your riding location, click on the **black “i” (identify)** icon in the upper left corner. Then click on the map again. **The Land Ownership information will show at the bottom of the map.**
 - a. *Tip: If land ownership does not display at the bottom of the map then assure that you have the round button checked on the “Land Ownership” layer.*
7. Call the landowner to find out if OHV operation is permitted. Some phone numbers are listed at: <http://azstateparks.com/OHV/call.html>